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Divisional Officer doubts the *bona fides* of the leave application, he may ask the applicant to produce a medical certificate."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Coming as I do from the traditional and honorary class, as our Chief Minister has classified them, I know some of the village officers are misusing their powers because of tradition. In view of this fact, may I ask the Hon. the Chief Minister whether he will consider the question of abolition of this class and the transfer of all their duties to the panchayats in future? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The entire Government will breakdown." (Cheers.)

SRI P. GOPALAKRISHNA REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the question of increasing the salaries of village officers in the estates taken over by the Government and converted into ryotwari areas, in view of the fact that they are paid by the Government the same salaries as they were paid previously—and some of them have not been paid any salary at all—even though the Government are extracting equal work and more from them? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question is about travelling allowance. This does not arise out of that question."

Construction of a dam across Gomukhi, South Arcot district.

* 220 *Q.*—SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the work relating to the proposed construction of a dam across Gomukhi near Vadakanthal in South Arcot district is?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The scheme has been deferred for the present."

SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY :—" நான்தான் கேள்விபோட்டது. பதிலை தமிழில் சொல்லும்படியாக நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—இந்த ஸ்கீம் தற்போது தள்ளி வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY :—" இதற்குக்காரணம் என்னவென்று சொல்லுவார்களா ? " 11-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The scheme has been deferred because of the poor return expected from it."

Stationing of Armed Reserve Police in West Godavari district.

* 221 *Q.*—SRI P. S. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many places, apart from Eluru and Narsapuram, the Armed Reserve Police is stationed in West Godavari district; and

(*b*) since when the Armed Reserve Police or Special Armed Police has been stationed in Kanuru Agraharam and for what purpose?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) The Government have called for information."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, the question was in how many places apart from Eluru and Narasapuram the Armed Reserve Police is stationed in West Godavari district."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, this being a matter where I have to get information to answer the question, I said 'Government have called for information.' "

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether after the receipt of information the Hon. the Chief Minister would consider favourably the good number of representations made by the villagers that this Armed Reserve Police should be abolished? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, after I get the information I will be able to understand the real position. But generally speaking, the stationing of Police is intended to prevent crime and give a sense of security, and that must depend on policy, and the representations of the local people will certainly go to form an important part of the consideration."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" Sir, the question was put a month ago. The Police are harassing the people every day. This is a life and death problem for the people. Therefore, may I know the reason for the delay in getting the information? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government have called for information because they have not got the information here. That is the plain answer. Whether it is a life and death problem or not, I am not quite able to understand unless I get the information."

Stationing of Special Armed Police at Kanur Agraharam.

* 222 Q.—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Armed Police and Armed Reserve Police were posted in Pendyala, Kanur and Kanur Agraharam, adjacent villages in Kovvur taluk, West Godavari district, during the year 1951;

(b) if so, why;

(c) whether the camps are being continued even till to-day; and

(d) whether there was any request from Yelamarru Zamindar to station special police?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) to (d) The Government have called for information."